There are multiple expressions to use when someone is going about something the wrong way. 'Making a mistake' is one way. 'Screwing up' is another way, although it is somewhat rude. 'Attempting to rescue Lemony Snicket by

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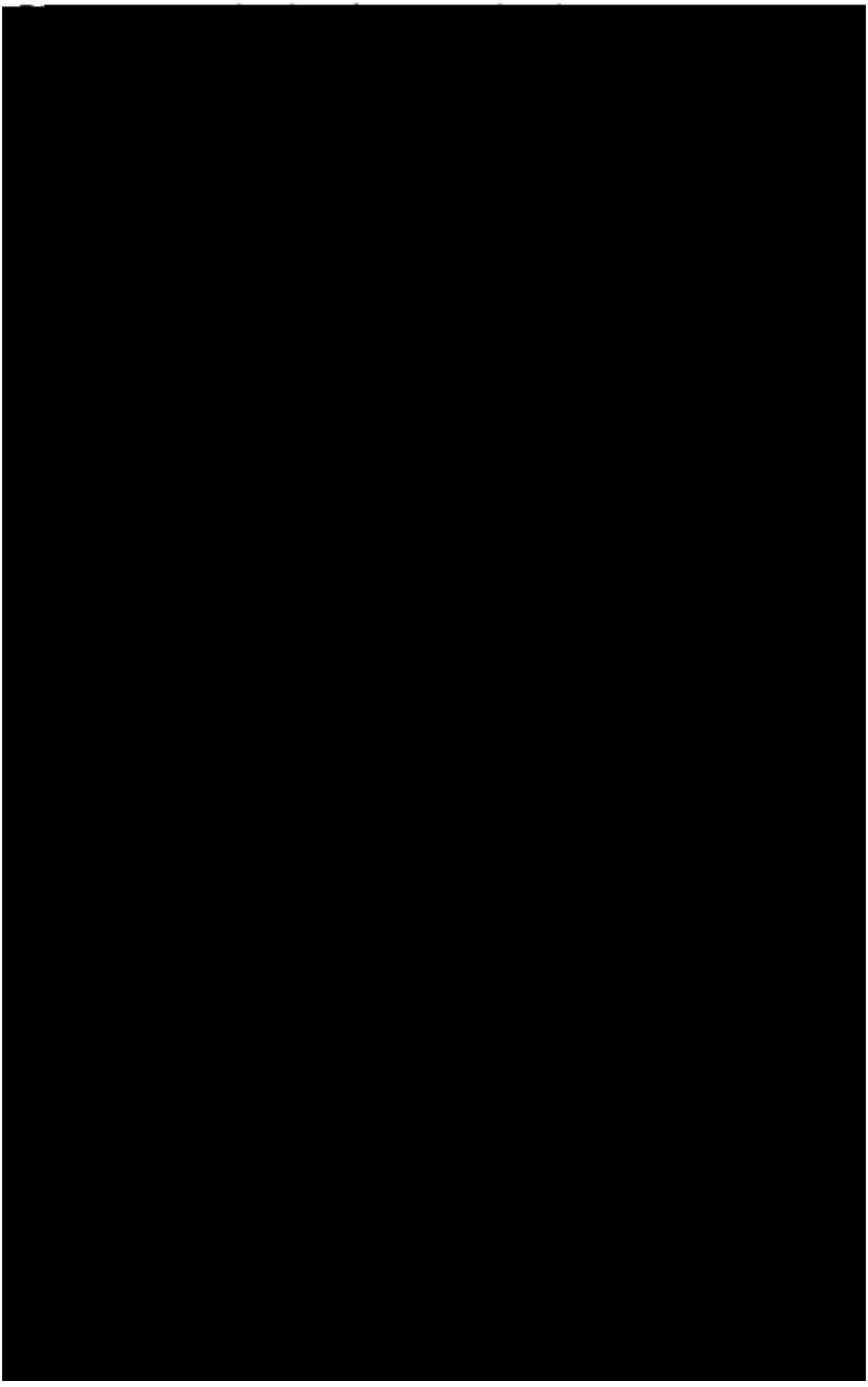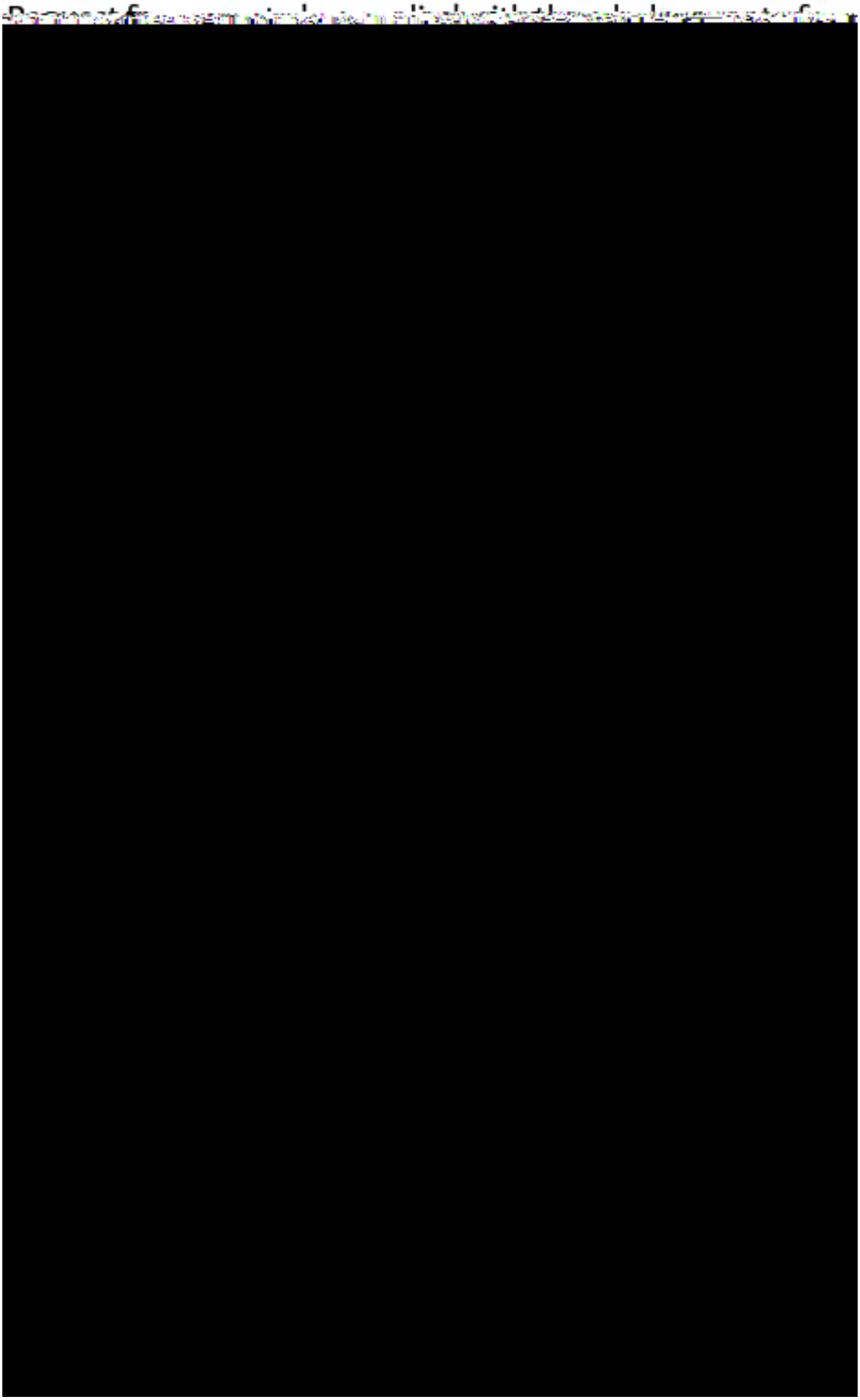
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